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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/963,689; Filed: September 27, 2001
For: **Method and System for Upstream Priority
Lookup at Physical Interface**
Inventors: Denney *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.0480000

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
2. A Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) from Assignee with a copy of the Assignment attached; and
3. One (1) return postcard.


It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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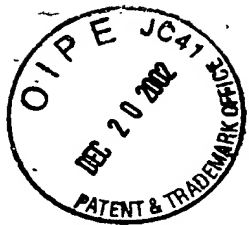
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Broadcom Corporation, a corporation of California, having a principal place of business at 16215 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California 92618-3616, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on 1) 1/26/01, 2) 11/25/01, 3) 11/26/01, and 4) 12/4/01 of an invention known as Method and System for Upstream Priority Lookup at Physical Interface (Attorney Docket No. 1875.0480000), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventor(s) 1) Lisa Denney, 2) Gale Shallow, 3) Niki Pantelias, and 4) John Horton (said application filed on September 27, 2001 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 09/963,689).

The Assignee hereby appoint the U.S. attorneys James D. Bennett, Registration No. 37,550, and David J. Rosmann, Registration No. 43,059, and the attorneys associated with **CUSTOMER NUMBER 28393** to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588; Lawrence B. Bugaisky, Esq., Reg. No. 35,086; Donald J. Featherstone, Esq., Reg. No. 33,876; and Robert C. Millonig, Esq., Reg. No. 34,395. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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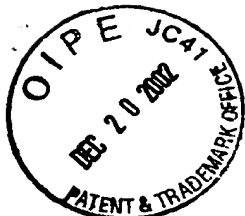
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